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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

SUBJECT: BUSCH, Friedrich, Heinrich, German National,
Assistant Gestapo Chief of Innsbruck,
SS Hauptsturmfuehrer

RE : Final Report of Interrogation

I. References:

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II. Summary:

BUSCH, Friedrich, German national, was arrested on 3 Jun 1945 while travelling with his family toward Innsbruck from Niederau. He admitted being the assistant Gestapo Chief in Innsbruck and also that he had worked in Gestapo Headquarters in Paris and Angers, France.

III. Life History of Subject:

3 Jun 1905: Born in Berlin
1911-1915 : Volksschule in Berlin
1915-1922: Attended Realgymnasium in Berlin
1922-1925: Learned Banking business
1925-1930: Worked at various jobs as truck driver,
taxi cab driver and office clerk
1930-1932: Employed as clerk in the office of the
Reichsbahn in Berlin
1931: Joined NSDAP and SA. Became treasurer in SA
1932: Joined the Kriminalpolizei and promoted to
Assistant the same year
1934: Was discharged from the SA on grounds of
having complained against two Obersturmfuehrers
charging them with being corrupt. Transferred from Krip to Gestapo the same year.
1935: Promoted to Commisar in Gestapo and transferred to Trier
1936: Joined Allgemeine SS and was given a direct
commission as Untersturmfuehrer to comply
with his position as Commisar in the Gestapo

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- One of the stipulations of receiving this commission was that Subject renounce his Protestant Church membership.
- 1937: Became involved in an automobile accident in Trier as a result of which he was found guilty by an SS court who charged him with drunken driving. Fined 2500 RM and dismissed from the SS.
 - 1938: Served for two months in the Wehrmacht as Flak Kannonier (AA Artilleryman)
 - 1939: Married in Limburg and transferred to Innsbruck.
 - 1940: Volunteered in Innsbruck in the Gebirgsjaeger, (mountain troops), the 136th Reg't, a home guard outfit. Served for 3 months and then resumed his job as Kommissar of Gestapo in Innsbruck. Was called to Berlin where he was re-instated into the SS and given a direct commission of Hauptsturmfuehrer.
 - 1941: Transferred to Paris where he worked in the building of the Befehlshaber der Sicherheitspolizei und SD in France. (For Subject's duties and organizational set-up see Appendix I).
 - Oct 1942: Transferred to Angers, France.
 - Dec 1943: Went back to Innsbruck. Suffered a nervous breakdown and confined to his bed for three months.
 - Apr 1944: Resumed work in Gestapo Headquarters in Innsbruck.
 - Apr 1945: Contracted pleurosy and pneumonia. Went to Niederau, Tyrol about 50 km from Innsbruck and stayed with his family.
 - Jun 1945: Apprehended by Americans while on the way back to Innsbruck with his family.

IV. Subject's Activities in the Gestapo:

Because of Subject's long police service he was the assistant Gestapo chief in Innsbruck under Obersturmbannfuehrer Dr. NEDWED (See Appendix II for personalities). However, he was not paid for this position as the RSHA only listed him as Kommissar. His duties consisted of reviewing all matters before they were handed out to the various departments. (See Appendix I).

In Paris, Subject was an archive keeper on the lives of various French ministers and cabinet members. He would gather his information from newspapers and magazines which carried stories, speeches and photographs of these men and file them.

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In Angers, France, he worked in Section Ia of Dept IV which dealt with Communist problems. (See Appendix I). He claims the French would try the Communists and Subject, with his co-worker KOCH, would review the trials and suggest any changes.

About the beginning of March 1945, while Subject was in the Gestapo Headquarters in Innsbruck, an army deserter named NIEDERWANGER, Karl, who was in the local prison, sent word that he wanted to speak to someone from the Gestapo concerning a resistance movement in Innsbruck. NIEDERWANGER specified the Gestapo and not the Kripo because he maintained that certain members of the Kripo were taking part in the resistance movement. He was released from prison and given the assignment by the Gestapo to join the resistance movement. Toward the end of April, NIEDERWANGER told the Gestapo that the time was at hand to arrest the members of the movement. Subject in the meantime became sick and the case was turned over to an SS Obersturmfuehrer whose name he can not recall. About 30 or 40 persons were arrested, among them a physician, Professor RITTMANN, who was accused of getting deferments for men by declaring them unfit for military service, and two brothers named MOSE, who were presumably the leaders of the resistance group. During a hearing of these people it was discovered that a foreign agent was active in the resistance. Upon capture he gave his name as MEIER (or MEYER), Fred, and said he was a Frenchman, but later admitted to be an American. Subject claims that despite his (BUSCH) illness he took MEIER as a contact man between the advancing Americans and the Germans. BUSCH claims that he saw the continuation of the war as useless and wanted to be instrumental in surrendering the Tyrol without a struggle. Subject, with MEIER and the Kreisleiter proceeded to the Gauleiter of Tyrol, Franz HOER, to talk over the matter of using MEIER as a contact with the Americans. Subject was too ill to stay but learned later that MEIER was used for the intended purpose.

V. Agent's Comments:

Subject belongs to that large category of individuals who, after they have been apprehended, try to excuse their membership in blacklist organizations by "white-washing" themselves. Although it is not believed that Subject was withholding any information, he was constantly trying to impress this Agent with his "humanitarian nature" by citing cases of where he had released persons from prison under the disapproving eyes of his superiors and even punished a man whom he had caught looting Jewish property.

His importance from a CI viewpoint lies chiefly in the list of Gestapo personnel he has been able to provide. (See Appendix II).

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VI. Recommendation:

It is recommended that Subject be interned in accordance with the SHAEF Directive dtd 13 Apr 1945.

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APPENDIX I

SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION SET-UP OF THE GESTAPO IN INNSBRUCK

The headquarters in Innsbruck consisted of about 100 persons. Half of these were women who worked as clerks in the administration. The Gestapo, which is Department IV of the RSHA was divided up into the following sections:

- 1a Communism and Marxism
- 1b Subversive Statements (Staatfeindliche Ausserungen)
- 1c Foreign Workers (Ausländische Arbeiter)
- 2a Sabotage
- 2b Radio Security and Enemy Agents (Funkabwehr und Feind Agenten)
- 3a Security (Abwehr)
- 3b Checking of persons who are engaged on secret work (Überprüfung)
- 3c Industrial Security (Industrie Sicherung)
- 4a Catholicism and Protestantism
- 4b Jews and Emigrants
- 5a Files (Kartei)
- 5b Protective Custody (Schutzhaft)

For personalities known to Subject in the above sections see Appendix II.

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APPENDIX II

SUBJECT: PERSONALITIES

I. List of Gestapo Personnel in Innsbruck known to Subject

c. ALBRECHT, FNU, Angestellter, (ordinary employee). One of the persons who worked with BERRINGER in the intelligence section of the Gestapo. About 33 years of age; 1.68m; blond hair; slender.

c. BAERER, FNU, SS Scharfuhrer, Kriminaloberassistent, Viennese, worked in Abwehr section of Gestapo. About 35 years of age; 1.74m; slender build; thin face.

c. BERRINGER, FNU, Kriminalsekretär, handled intelligence matters. About 40 years of age; 1.72m; strong build; dark blond hair; exposes teeth widely while talking.

c. GUETNER, FNU, SA Obersturmfuehrer, Kriminalsekretär, German, from Berlin, worked in section 1c (Foreign workers). About 38 years of age; 1.66m; somewhat strongly built; dark blond hair; pale face.

c. HINTERHUBER, FNU, SS Obersturmfuehrer, Kommissar, Austrian. Worked in the political section. About 32 years old; 1.74m; strong build; dark complected face; brown face.

c. HOMOLKA, FNU, Probably SS Scharfuhrer, Kriminaloberassistent. In section 1b (Subversive statements). About 38; 1.74m; slender build; thin face.

c. KARLSIEDER, FNU, SS Obersturmfuehrer, Head of Administration. About 38; 1.68m; partially bald; dark blond hair; slender build; thin face with prominent bone structure; speaks with Austrian dialect.

c. KRAMER, FNU, Kriminalinspektor, Austrian, in Abwehr section. About 48 years old; 1.68m; dark grey streaked hair; somewhat stout; heavy beard; small moustache.

c. LEHMEN, FNU, SS Scharfuhrer, Kriminalsekretär, German. In 3a, Abwehr. About 35 or 36 years old; 1.70m; ~~slender~~ very slender; dark blond hair.

c. MAYER, FNU, SA Obersturmfuehrer, Kriminalsekretär. Austro-Tyrolian. Worked in 1a, Communism. About 45 years old; 1.68m; dark complected; black hair; suffers from recurrent malarial fever.

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✓ MOSEER, FNU, SS Scharfuhrer, Kriminal Oberassistent, Austrian. In section 1a, Communism. About 38 or 40 years old; 1.70m; dark blond hair; strong build; round full face; healthy complexion.

✓ MOSINGER, FNU, SS Untersturmfuehrer, Kriminalsekretaer, Austro-Tyrollian. Worked in Section 4a, (Catholicism and Protestantism). Doubtful age, possibly 40 years old; 1.78m; slender build; long haggard face; high cheek bones; dark blond hair.

✓ LUHLAUER, FNU, Kriminalsekretaer, Austrian, in Section 1c, (Foreign Workers). About 40 years old; 1.80m; strong athletic build; dark complexion.

✓ MUELLER, FNU, SS Sturmfuhrer, Kriminalsekretaer. Austrian. In Section 1b, (Subversive Statements). About 40 years old; 1.76m; slender build; dark hair; thin pale face.

✓ NEDWED, FNU, SS Obersturmbannfuhrer, Chief of the Gestapo in Innsbruck, Austrian. About 42 years old; 1.68m; slender build; thin lined face; dark blond hair; had broken his right leg in Apr '45; last seen in Innsbruck.

✓ PICHLER, Toni, Kriminalsekretaer. Austrian. Handled personnel files in Section 5a (Files). About 58 years old; very slender build; red nose; heavy drinker; grey hair; thin gaunt face.

✓ PICHLER, FNU, Kriminalsekretaer. Austrian. Handled personnel records in Section 5a, (Files). Brother of Toni. Same description though not his twin.

✓ PRAUTZSCH, Willi, SS Obersturmfuehrer, Kriminal-Obersekretaer. German national. In Section 1c, (Foreign workers). About 52 years of age; 1.72m; dark blond hair; lined face; pale complexion.

✓ SOMMERLADE, FNU, SS Sturmscharfuhrer, Kriminal Oberassistent, German Rhineland; worked in section 2a, (Sabotage). About 42 years of age; 1.76m; blond hair; thin face. slender build;

✓ TRAINER, FNU, Kriminalsekretaer. Austrian. Worked with BEHRINGER on intelligence matters. About 40 years old; 1.70m; normal build; dark blond hair; pale complexion.

✓ WILD, Karl, Kriminalsekretaer. Austrian. Worked with BEHRINGER on intelligence matters. About 43 years old; 1.68m/ to 1.70m; light brown hair; thin build; sickly appearance; suffers from stomach trouble.

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II. List of Gestapo Personnel known to Subject in Paris:

BOEHELBURG, Karl, SS Sturmbannfuhrer, Kriminaldirektor, Head of Amt IV RSHA (Gestapo) in Paris. About 57 years old; pale complexion; very nervous.

DAEMELOW, FNU, SS Sturmscharfuhrer, Kriminalsekretaer. Receptionist for BOEHELBURG's office. About 40 years old; 1.68m; somewhat stout; round face; blond hair; receding hairline.

ENDERS, FNU, SS Hauptscharfuhrer Kriminal Oberassistent. In Dept 2a, (Sabotage). About 36 years old; 1.72m; thin, athletic build; pale complexion; dark blond hair.

KIEFFER, FNU, SS Sturmbannfuhrer, Kriminalrat. Worked in 3a (Abwehr). About 45 years old; 1.68m to 1.70m; normal build; small Hitler-type moustache; dark brown hair; dark complexion; somewhat nervous.

KNOCHEN, Dr. FNU, SS Standartenfuhrer. Head of SIPO, SD, and Gestapo in France. About 40 years old; very strong build, broad chest; round face; blond hair; polite manners.

LICHKA, Dr. FNU, SS Obersturmbannfuhrer, Regierungsrat. Deputy to KNOCHEN. About 40 years old; 1.80m; heavy build; blond hair; partially bald; pale complexion; wears glasses; business-man type.

MAULATZ, Dr. FNU, SS Hauptsturmfuhrer. In Section 3c, (Industrial Security). About 38 years old; 1.68 to 1.70m; strong build; round full face; ruddy complexion; one or two duelling scars on left cheek; coarse manners.

MOHR, FNU, SS Obersturmfuhrer, Kriminal Kommissar. About 40 years old; 1.80m; blond hair; receding hairline; high cheekbones.

REISER, FNU, SS Hauptsturmfuhrer, Kriminal Kommissar. In Section 1a, (Communism). About 43 years old; 1.68m; slender build; blond hair; pale complexion; ill fitting false teeth.

SATTLER, FNU, SS Hauptsturmfuhrer, Kriminalrat. Handled social problems of workers. About 42 years old; 1.76m; strong build; dark blond hair; pale complexion.

III. List of Gestapo Personnel known to Subject in Angers:

BAUER, FNU, Dr., SS Obersturmfuhrer, Kriminalrat. In Section 1a, (Communism). About 42 years old; 1.70m; some-

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what stout; pale complexion; round full face; duelling scars on face, chin and forehead; grey hair.

BOTT, FNU, Dr. Jurist, SS Scharfuhrer. Handled law. About 35 years old; 1.74m; slender build; dark hair; pale complexion; suffers from gall stones.

ERNST, FNU, SS Sturmbannfuhrer, Oberregierungsrat, Chief of the Gestapo in Angers. About 38 years old; 1.68m; athletic build; small hips; small scar on left cheek; straight blond hair; speaks out of the corner of mouth and curls upper lip.

HALLMANN, FNU, SS Untersturmfuhrer, Kriminal-sekretaer. In Administration. 40 years old; blond hair streaked with white; pale complexion; thin figure; sickly appearance.

KLEIN, FNU, SS Rottenfuhrer. Chauffeur for ERNST. About 30 years old; 1.74m; dark blond hair; very thin build; pale complexion.

KOCH, FNU, SS Scharfuhrer. In Section 1a, (Communist Matters). About 32 years old; 1.74m; dark blond hair; very slender; thin face; pale complexion.

SCHOSSIG, FNU, Dr. SS Scharfuhrer, Dr of Philosophy. Handled culture and literature. Connected with German culture institutes. About 42 or 44 years old; 1.76m; wore glasses; slender build; dark blond hair; receding hairline.

SPAN, FNU, Hauptsturmfuhrer, Kriminalrat, successor to ERNST. About 40 years old; 1.70m; dark hair; dark complexion; thick dark eye brows; heavy beard.

VEHSE, FNU, SS Obersturmfuhrer. Adjutant to ERNST and also in charge of supplies. About 32 or 35 years old; 1.72m; stout build; full round face; wide mouth; pale complexion.

IV. Additional Personalities:

NIEDERWANGER, Karl, Austrian Wehrmacht deserter who denounced the members of the Innsbruck resistance to the Gestapo. About 30 years old; 1.70m; dark brown hair/combed straight back; strong build; round face; pale complexion.

SCHOTT, FNU, SS Untersturmfuhrer. German. In charge of the Reichenau Foreign Workers Disciplinary Camp, near Innsbruck. About 40 years old; 1.76m; dark blond hair;

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strong athletic build; military bearing; handsome and well-groomed appearance.

MOTT, FNU, SS Untersturmfuehrer. German.
Successor to SCHOTT at the Reichenau Camp. 40 years old;
1.78m; strong build; very sparse blond hair; pale complexion;
long face: Was later transferred to Italy.

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